THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Due to the increase in post-mortem cases referred to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences from 500 as originally envisaged to more than 1700, the Institute has requested the Delhi Administration to provide post-mortem facilities in Safdarjung Hospital or in any other hospital in South Delhi to reduce the work-load on the Institute. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is exploring the possibility of starting post-mortem work at the Safdarjung Hospital in order to reduce the load on AIIMS. AIIMS has been asked to continue to conduct post-mortem on all cases referred to them till the facilities are established at Safdarjung Hospital and a rational division of cases between the two institutions is worked out.

Repairs to M. V. Chidambaram

148. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which M.V. Chidambaram caught fire;

(b) whether the ship has been repaired and recommissioned;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The vessel M. V. Chidambaram caught fire on 12-2-1985.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It was decided not to repair the vessel for the following reasons:—

(1) The vessel which was build in 1966 was already 19 years old.

(2) The repair cost involved was quite substantial, i.e., about Rs. 2,78 crores.

(3) The voyage economic showed that the operation of the vessel after repairs would be economically unviable.

Considering all these factors SCI has been permitted to scrap the vessel M.V. Chidambaram.

Railway accidents

149. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents that took place during the last two months; and

(b) what are the causes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) During the months of February and March, 1986, 52 & 41 train accidents occurred respectively.

(b) Equipment failure, failure of railway staff, failure of persons other than railway staff and combination of factors.

Doctors in North and North-Eastern Railways

150. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterio for *ad-hoc* appointment of doctors (M.B.B.S.) in the Railways;

(b) The number of doctors who have been recruited from March 1983 to March

1986 in North and the North-eastern Railways and the number of those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes amongst them; and

(c) After how many years' service they are made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Regular appointment of Doctors in the Railways is made through examination/selection conducted by Union Public Service Commission. However, the General Managers on the Railways have been authorised to appoint Doctors with the minimum qualifications of M.B.B.S. and within the maimum age limit of 30 years' on *ad-hoc* basis as a stop-gap arrangement till the Union Public Service Commission selected Doctors become available to replace them.

(b) 55 including 4 Scheduled Caste and 28 including 2 Scheduled Caste Doctors were appointed on *ad-hoc* basis during the period March, 1983 to March 1986 on Northern and North Eastern Railways respectively. No Scheduled Tribe *ad-hoc* Doctors were appointed on these two Railways during this period.

(c) These Doctors can acquire permanent or regular status only when they get selected in the Combined Medical Services Examination or Special Selection conducted by Union Public Service Commission from time to time.

Educational Institutions in North and North-Eastern Railways

151. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high school and intermediate colleges for boys and girls run by railways in North and North Eastern Railways;

(b) what is the total number of teachers in high school and inter colleges belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other communities;

(c) whether the policy of reservation in services for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is strictly observed at the time of recruitment for the above institutions, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) What are the minimum requisite qualifications of teachers who are recruited for the above schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) One High School, One Intermediate College, One Higher Secondary School in Northern and 4 Intermediate Colleges in North-Eastern Railawys.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the *Sabha*.

Destruction of Research work in the Jawaharlal Nehru University

152. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the callousness of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Authorities, many valuable research work which was accomplished after years of efforts by the scholars is being destroyed by termites;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, no research work has been destroyed. However on account of seepage in walls, soe damage was caused to 12 M. Phil dissertations and 4 Ph.D. thesis, which were stored in built-in-cupboard. Additional copies of these documents are available with the University.

The University has provided alternate storage facilities for the research papers. Steps have also been taken to control pests like termites to ensure safety of the papers and documents in the custody of the University.